

I am an amateur radio operator involved in the Skywarn program, a CERT Trainer, and an ARES/RACES member for Coral Gables, Florida.

Any interference from BPL will mean that my community will not be notified in a timely manner (and no other way but amateur radio will suffice in immediate notification) of tornado, of need during and after a hurricane, of developing disaster. BPL produces interference such that amateur radio communication is chancy, spotty, and unreliable.

In weighing the access for rural customers to high speed internet connection, vs public safety for everyone.....we must choose not to stretch the technology such that it interferes with safety.

Other alternatives exist for high speed connectivity, in time, with emphasis on neighborhood networks.